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1. CFM conclusions on Germany and Austria-- Secretary of State Acheson, reporting from Paris that the Council of Foreign Ministers reached agreement on a modus vivendi for Germany and on most of the Austrian treaty issues, points out that the question as to whether the settlement of disputes between Austria and the treaty powers should be bilateral or not was left to the consideration of the Deputy Foreign Ministers. The Secretary reports that Austrian Foreign Minister Gruber gave the written agreement of his Government to the CFM solution on Austria.

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US Representative Jessup in Paris comments that the eleventh-hour instructions from Moscow to Vishinsky to modify the Austrian agreement were obviously embarrassing to Vishinsky, who did not wish to abandon the agreement. Jessup believes that the Kremlin's eagerness to add a paragraph protecting the right of the USSR to export unspecified income from Austria indicates the importance which the Soviet Union attaches to this matter and points to the possibility that the USSR may refuse to define this income when the deputies resume negotiations.

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